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Gov. Rick Snyder signs \$55B budget, bringing state's total Flint aid to \$234M

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 06/29/16 2:57 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder had the wind in his hair and the sun in his face Wednesday as he signed a \$55 billion omnibus budget for the state of Michigan, including additional funding for Flint. Asked about the location of the bill signing, Holland State Park, Snyder explained that it was Michigan and it was summertime. "If you look at this view, who doesn't want to be here?" he asked.

Gov. Snyder signs budget with \$165M more for Flint

By Bob Brenzing, FOX 17 West Michigan 06/29/16 2:47 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has signed a \$38.6 billion budget bill that will more than triple state spending on the water emergency in Flint. Snyder signed the budget bill at Holland State Park Wednesday afternoon. The new law signed Wednesday includes money to replace thousands of underground lead pipes and to continue reimbursing residents who have paid for contaminated tap water for more than two years.

Aid and Donations

Warrior Dash offering bottled water donation to Flint community center

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 06/29/16 11:15 AM

Warriors coming out to play during the upcoming dash at the E.A. Cummings Center in July have chance to benefit Flint resident during the city's ongoing water crisis. A 24-pack of bottled water will be donated to Berston Field House for each participants that registers by June 30 for the Saturday, July 30 Warrior Dash event in Genesee Township.

R&B singer Kem uses Detroit concert to benefit Flint water crisis

By Eric Woodyard, MLIVE 06/28/16 10:32 AM

R&B singer Kem continued his support for the city of Flint during the ongoing water crisis with another big donation. The Detroit native performed back-to-back shows at Chene Park on June 24-25.

In conjunction with his concert, he launched fundraising and water collection efforts for Flint.

Labatt USA teams with Flint nonprofits to lessen lead impact through meals

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 06/28/16 8:00 PM

A national beer company is working with several Flint-based nonprofit companies to provide help in trying to lessen the impact of lead on families. The Labatt: Love Michigan summer program has drawn in around 90 percent of Michigan wholesalers and 70 percent of major Labatt retailers to formulate a program to provide 77,000 meals to families in the city. Labatt USA connected with the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Crim Fitness Foundation, Flint Community Schools, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, Genesee County Community Action Resource Department, Genesee Intermediate School District (GISD), Greater Flint Health Coalition, and Michigan State University Extension Services on distribution of the meals.

Teams continue efforts to confirm whether Flint residents have water filters

By Jiquanda Johnson, MLIVE 06/28/16 5:53 PM

Officials will continue efforts to verify water filter systems in Flint homes. Teams started canvassing neighborhoods again today around 4 p.m. and are expected to be out until 8 p.m. The efforts to confirm whether homes had water filters started over the weekend as officials warned residents to make sure to check identification before letting people in their homes claiming to be part of the verification team. According to a June 28 press release from the Joint Information

Center (JIC), teams comprised of local state and nonprofit organizations visited more than 1,100 homes on June 25 to make sure homes had filters in support of a recent announcement that filtered water in Flint is safe to drink for all residents including pregnant women and children under the age of 6.

Health Impacts

Flint Kids Exposed to Lead Deserve Long-Term Support from the Flint Child Health & Development Fund

By Midland Daily News 06/29/16 3:00 PM

The long-term effects of lead exposure to children under the age of six can be devastating. While the children of Flint, Michigan, were experiencing the lead in water crisis, the Community Foundation of Greater Flint recognized this and sprang into action. The Flint Foundation identified the long-term health and development needs of Flint children exposed to lead and thus the Flint Child Health & Development Fund was established. The Flint Child Health & Development Fund has raised over \$8 million to aid Flint children with interventions that support positive health outcomes.

Flint Water Crisis: Questions about Legionnaires' death toll

By Chastity Pratt Dawsey, MLIVE 06/28/16 2:23 PM

Short of breath, and suffering from chest pains, Bertie Marble was heading back to the hospital last year. "I don't know what's wrong," she told her oldest daughter on her way to McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint. It would be the second trip to McLaren in a week for the 68-year-old dialysis patient. Two days later, on March 11, Marble developed a fever and was placed on antibiotics to fight an undetermined infection. Days after that, another diagnosis: "healthcare associated pneumonia."

Michigan governor's private lawyers withholding Flint crisis docs – attorney general

By RT 06/29/16 4:43 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's private attorneys withheld documents related to the Flint water crisis from state lawyers investigating the matter, the state's attorney general said. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette told reporters Tuesday that his investigators are being

stonewalled by Snyder's private attorneys, who are set to receive more than \$1.2 million in taxpayer funds for providing the governor with legal counsel. "The attorneys with the Department of Attorney General are handling themselves in an exceedingly exceptional fashion," Schuette said at a round table, according to the Detroit News. "But it's the governor's private attorneys who were not providing sufficient information."

Schuette: Snyder's lawyers withholding Flint documents

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 06/29/16 7:16 AM

Attorney General Bill Schuette on Tuesday said Gov. Rick Snyder's private attorneys have been withholding documents from his Flint water crisis investigators — an accusation the governor's office quickly denied. "The attorneys with the Department of Attorney General are handling themselves in an exceedingly exceptional fashion," Schuette said in a wide-ranging interview with Capitol reporters. "But it's the governor's private attorneys who were not providing sufficient information."

Do Snyder's Private Lawyers Interfere with Flint Water Investigation?

By Deadline Detroit 06/29/16 6:58 AM

Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette, who has been mentioned as gubernatorial candidate, is bumping heads with Republican Gov. Rick Snyder in the Flint water probe. Chad Livengood, and Jonathan Oosting of The Detroit News report that Schuette on Tuesday accused Gov. Rick Snyder's private attorneys of withholding documents from his Flint water crisis investigators. Snyder denied the allegations. "The attorneys with the Department of Attorney General are handling themselves in an exceedingly exceptional fashion," Schuette said in a wide-ranging interview with Capitol reporters, the News reports. "But it's the governor's private attorneys who were not providing sufficient information."

Michigan AG Bill Schuette wins preliminary OK for Flint probe funding

By Matthew Dolan & Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press 06/28/16 7:33 PM

The State Administrative Board on Tuesday gave preliminary approval to a request from Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette to spend as much as \$4.9 million on outside legal services for his wide-ranging probe into the Flint water crisis. "We have more charges to come. Watch for them this summer. That's what we're doing," Schuette told reporters Tuesday afternoon after a finance committee of the board approved his funding request. "The whole point here is accountability. This investigation is an example of accountability and that things in

government do work and that we're moving forward."

Flint Spending Probe

By WILX 06/28/16 4:10 PM

Michigan's attorney general has won preliminary approval to spend \$3.4 million more to investigate Flint's water crisis, which would more than triple overall spending on the probe. The request was endorsed 3-0 by a State Administrative Board committee. The full board will meet July 12 to consider the contract change.

Flint water crisis probe costs triple, may hit \$5 million

By Matthew Dolan, Detroit Free Press 06/27/16 11:55 PM

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's wide-ranging probe into the Flint water crisis could cost as much as \$4.9 million, more than triple the amount allocated by the state in a contract in March, according to a posting on the state Administrative Board website. Earlier this year, Schuette received approval from the board to expand the contract to up to \$1.5 million, from the original \$249,000, with Flood Law, a Royal Oak legal firm. Todd Flood is the lawyer Schuette tapped to head his investigation into whether any state laws were violated in the lead contamination of Flint drinking water, which has led to state and federal emergency declarations and instructions to Flint residents not to drink tap water without using a lead filter.

Michigan's attorney general is seeking \$3.4 million more to investigate Flint's water crisis, which would more than triple overall spending on the probe

By AP for Daily Journal 06/28/16 12:01 AM

Michigan's attorney general is seeking \$3.4 million more to investigate Flint's water crisis, which would more than triple overall spending on the probe. The request is up for approval by a State Administrative Board committee Tuesday. The full board will meet July 12 to consider the contract change. Months ago, Attorney General Bill Schuette hired lawyer Todd Flood and 21 other outside attorneys and investigators for the probe.

Other News and Opinions

Company says Flint EM told employees: Keep water work to minimum required

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 06/29/16 3:37 PM

Flint's state-appointed emergency manager told an engineering company to do no more than the minimum required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality as it helped prepare the city's water treatment plant for full-time operation three years ago, the company says in a statement to MLive-The Flint Journal. Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam Inc. said Ed Kurtz, appointed to run Flint city government in August 2012, told its employees in a May 29, 2013, meeting that the city "will only do that which was required by the (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality)."

Flint water crisis focus of Michigan Civil Rights Commission hearing

By Roberto Acosta, MLIVE 06/29/16 3:30 PM

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has planned its latest meeting to discuss the Flint water crisis after hearing concerns from residents and community leaders earlier this year. The commission hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, July 14 at the Northbank Center Grand Ballroom, 432 N. Saginaw St., in downtown Flint and is open to the public. Residents voiced their concerns over water quality and worries of racism during an April 25 commission meeting in Flint that went on for several hours and included one resident bringing in a case of water to show their daily plight.

Lawmaker criticizes Flint for not taking plastic pipes

By Jacob Carah, Detroit News 06/27/16 6:16 PM

A state lawmaker says Flint is making a mistake by not taking up an offer from a California-based company for free plastic pipes to replace the lead lines in the city. According to state Rep. Joseph Graves, R-Argentine Township, JM Eagle, a manufacturer of polyethylene plastic pipes, made the offer to the city in February. "This is a generous offer that will save millions of dollars — taxpayer dollars across the state — and provides the city with safe, clean water for decades to come," Graves said in a statement Monday.

American Genocide - Flint Water Crisis

By Barrington M. Salmon, Final Call 06/28/16 9:57 AM

The poisoning of Flint, Michigan's drinking water may have fallen off newspapers' front pages and television screens, but residents are asking those concerned about the fallout and the effects

on the city's almost 100,000 residents to not forget them. Several Flint residents were among a slate of panelists who discussed the on-going crisis at the historic Metropolitan AME Church in downtown Washington, D.C. at a national town hall meeting. In addition to presenting the roots of the tragedy, panelists spoke about the strategies and plans either being considered or already underway and tied the lead poisoning to cities and communities across the country.

Flint Water Crisis Just a Few Drops in a Lead-filled American Bucket

By Seth Augenstein, Laboratory Equipment 06/29/16 3:02 PM

The city of Flint is still grappling with a man-made disaster: the lead in its tap water has caused a health crisis for thousands in the impoverished city. But Flint is just a drop in a very big, lead-filled American bucket of water infrastructure, according to a report released today by the Natural Resources Defense Council. Eighteen million were served by more than 5,300 water system that violated Environmental Protection Agency standards, according to a survey of enforcement records conducted by the group for the year 2015.

Unsafe lead levels found in House office building

By Ted Barrett and Tom LoBianco, WISN ABC 12 06/29/16 2:17 PM

Congressional staff and others are having to drink bottled water around the Capitol after unsafe lead levels were detected by Capitol staff in the Cannon House Office building this week. "This week during Cannon House Office Building lead-in-water testing, the AOC (Architect of the Capitol) received results that indicate lead levels in some drinking water sources are slightly above the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standard," House staff wrote in an alert sent to House offices Tuesday. Staff shut down drinking water sources inside the office building and bottled water was distributed for staff while further testing is completed, according to the alert.

Water Systems Violate Lead Rules Nationwide, Advocacy Group Finds

By Maggie Fox, NBC News 06/28/16 10:28 PM

More than 5,000 water systems across the country are violating rules meant to keep lead out of drinking water, advocates said Tuesday. While the case in Flint, Michigan has dominated headlines, cities and towns across the U.S. are in similar danger, the Natural Resources Defense Council found in a report. "We have got millions of Americans drinking water that poses health risks to them and their families," the NRDC's Erik Olson told reporters on a conference call.

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